

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 138572 POSS DUPE
ORIGIN ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 H-01 SS-15 HA-05 /036 R

DRAFTED BY ARA/ECA:DVANTREECK:AF
APPROVED BY ARA/ECA:RWZIMMERMANN
-----038428 011931Z /43
R 011659Z JUN 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 138572

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, PA

SUBJECT: ACHE INDIANS, SLAVERY, AND FATHER NICHOLAS
D'ACUNHA.

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN
FRASER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, QUOTE:
I HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALLEGED
EXTERMINATION OF ACHE INDIANS IN PARAGUAY AND ABOUT THE
GOVERNMENT'S TRADING IN INDIAN SLAVES. I ALSO LEARNED
THAT A PARAGUAYAN PRIEST, FATHER NICHOLAS D'ACUNHA, WHO
PROVIDED BURIAL FOR 30 DEAD INDIANS WHOM HE HAD FOUND SHOT
WITHIN THE FOREST, HAD BEEN THREATENED BY THE PARA-
GUAYAN AUTHORITIES IF HE SPOKE ABOUT THE MATTER. IT IS
NOW BELIEVED THAT FATHER D'ACUNHA HAS NOW DISAPPEARED.

I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH THE DEPARTMENT
CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF FATHER D'ACUNHA.

YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER IS MOST APPRECIATED.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 138572 POSS DUPE

END QUOTE.

2. OUR UNDERSTANDING, BASED ON PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE EMBASSY, IS THAT FATHER D'ACUNHA DIED OF NATURAL

CAUSES, I.E. A HEART ATTACK. CAN EMBASSY VERIFY THIS
INFORMATION?

3. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO KEEP CONGRESS-
MAN FRASER'S OFFICE UP TO DATE ON REPORTS CONCERNING THE
INDIAN SITUATION, BUT WE DO NOT RECALL THAT THE
QUESTION OF FATHER D'ACUNHA'S DEATH WAS ADDRESSED IN THE
FORMAL REPORTING. VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SLAVERY, WELFARE & WHEREABOUTS, ACHE INDIANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE138572
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DVANTREECK:AF
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780229-1184
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197806106/aaaadnla.tel
Line Count: 68
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 2bc5417d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2157712
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ACHE INDIANS, SLAVERY, AND FATHER NICHOLAS D'ACUNHA.
TAGS: SHUM, PA., (D'ACUHNA, NICHOLAS)
To: ASUNCION
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/2bc5417d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014